

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present Amendment, claims 48-80 were pending in the application, with claims 1-47 having previously been cancelled without prejudice. In the present Amendment, claims 48-49, 66, 71, 75 and 77-79 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication, in a voice mail on January 29, 2010, that independent claim 76 is allowable.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected independent claim 48 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In the Office action, the Examiner suggested language to overcome the rejection. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and consideration in reviewing proposed amended claims submitted on January 28, 2010. In his voice mail on January 29, 2010, the Examiner also indicated that such amended claims overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, Applicants have submitted the claims in the present Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 48-75 and 77-80 are now also in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment, which places the rejected claims in a condition for allowance, and allowance of claims 48-75 and 77-80, in addition to independent claim 76 which the Examiner indicated was allowable, are respectfully requested.

If additional consultation will further prosecution, the undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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